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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Our last closed on Monday, Nov. 3rd, we believe at brother S. R. Holsinger's. We remained at Maple Grove Colony until Thursday morning, 4th inst., and were then taken to Lenora, Kansas, by brother David T. Blue. We preached at the sod church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and were with the Brethren at a church meeting on Wednesday. We did the best we could for the Brethren, and they did the best they could for us, and so we will trust that both were benefitted. We visited at brother J. Arnsberger's, Michael Lichty's, John Swarts, John Murphy's, and made a business call at Rockwell City, the capital of the colony. It is composed of one store and residence, and a blacksmith shop. Dr. Rockwell, the founder of the city, and one of its proprietors, died a few weeks ago, and the widow, not wishing to continue the business, desires to sell out, and will give a chance to some one who would like to enter into the mercantile business. We believe it to be a good situation. It would require a capital of about \$6,000.

Altogether we had a pleasant visit with the Brethren and friends of the colony, and hope to meet them again.

At Lenora we took the train, late in the night, and arrived at Portia, Kansas, at about six in the morning. Here I had the pleasure of meeting brother Daniel Shook. Brother David O. Brumbaugh met me and conveyed me to his residence about one mile east of town. At his house I also had the pleasure of meeting his son Henry and his wife, who is brother Shook's daughter, and both are members of the church. Brother Shook also dined with us at brother Brumbaugh's, and so with the other members of the family, we had quite a pleasant and congenial company. The time was too short to have an appointment for public preaching, so we tried to make up for it in social Christian enjoyment. We had been acquainted in our youth, and so had many pleasant reminiscences to recall.

Brother B. took me to the depot at time for the train, and soon I was on the way, en route for Burr Oak, Kansas, and while on the way this correspondence is being written on our Hall Type Writer.

I have now concluded to start homeward from Burr Oak, and in all probability by the time this reaches the eyes of our readers, I will be in the chair of the editor and proprietor, and enjoying the sweets of home.

And while the cars go plodding along, for we are on a freight train, on the Jewell county branch, there will be opportunity for meditation.

I have seen No. 43, of the EVANGELIST, and have read it about all, and regard it as an interesting issue. One of the most astounding articles is that of Elder Quinter, on Musical Furniture; but we think the office editor has sufficiently reviewed it, and perhaps a little too severely. Brother Quinter is very old, and can no longer think and write with the clearness which he was wont to do years ago, and it becomes young men, in the vigor of their minds to lay hands upon him very gently. Forty years ago he would no more have written such an article than his reviewer now would.

The "Miami Valley Notes," by brother Garber are quite interesting to me. Brother G. should be heard from once a week. He has the faculty of saying things just about right, to our mind. We were glad to see the names and read the productions of others of our valued contributors.

It is now high time that our friends go to work in securing subscribers for next year. Especially should new subscribers be solicited now, as we give the remainder of this year FREE to all new subscribers for next year. This is quite an inducement to many persons, as they will get the paper at once, and continue for one year without interruption. Hope our agents and friends will

take the benefit to us of this advantage. We also urge it upon all to renew early. It is such a "big thing" to us to have the list in before the new volume is begun.

We are now near Burr Oak, at 11:45, a. m., Saturday, Nov. 8th, and so will close for the present.

AT BURR OAK.

On arriving at Burr Oak we were met by Harvey Fadeley, and soon I was comfortably located in the home of brother John Fadeley. Here we had our home during our stay at Burr Oak. Preached in a school house in the vicinity on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening, and Monday evening, to good audiences for the place. We visited at brother C. Forney's, Hiram Faidley's, and Joseph Garmon's. Sorry we did not meet brother Garmon at home, but his legal representative, sister G., entertained us with Christian hospitality. Brethren Forney and Hiram Faidley accompanied me.

The church at this place numbers about twenty-five, and under the charge of Elder C. Forney, and is in good working condition, and promises well for the future. Brother H. Faidley is in the ministry.

Burr Oak is a promising town, and persons on the lookout for business chances should investigate the opportunities offered here. It is recommended as a splendid situation for a grist mill, there being none nearer than eighteen miles, and none for twenty miles westward. And milling is good business in the west. For particulars address brother Hiram Faidley, Burr Oak, Kansas. There is also a good newspaper, with a well supplied office and a good subscription list for sale at a reasonable price. Also the material of another printing office, press and all complete to go to work. For particulars address brother John Faidley, Burr Oak, Kansas. There are also good openings in the hardware and drug lines. Land rates at from \$10.00 upward, according to distance from town and other advantages.

After finishing our work at Burr Oak, we concluded to go home, and to work near home during the winter, and return to the west in the spring. We will feel better not to be so far from home during cold weather, though the weather in Kansas has been delightful so far; but one must have an excuse of some kind when he gets homesick. The Brethren at Morris county, Lawrence, Emporia, Peabody, Nickerson, Parsons, Mayfield, &c., need not feel slighted; their affliction will come too, in the sweet by-and-by. Let there be a general financial preparation for the campaign.

At Kansas City we saw the great Democratic ratification of the election of Mr. Cleveland to the presidency of the United States. It was truly a grand affair. Hope he will make a good president, and preserve the peace and prosperity of the nation, as far as a president can do so, by a judicious administration. Then will the people continue to honor him, and the Lord will greatly bless him. So may it be.

The above was "pegged" down while riding in the Chicago & Alton's finely and comfortably furnished Parlor Chair cars, by times moving as fast as fifty miles an hour, and yet we can write with ease and precision, with the Type Writer, of course. What an age of improvement this is anyway. When our fathers traveled, they were fortunate to make thirty miles a day, astride a horse, while we go five hundred miles in twenty-four hours, equipped in comfortable business shape, by day, and a resting place at night, all at a cent a mile this trip. But then we suppose they had their advantages in some other way; only it annoys one to account in what they consisted. We had rather live in the present age, and we are thankful that we have our choice.

It is eight weeks ago to-day, Nov. 13, since I left home. It seems a long while. Donations received during the trip, \$3533; average, \$441 a week, or \$72 a day. At this rate it will take us 111 days longer, or 19 weeks to raise the whole amount. That will extend to the first of April, at least. Then some allowance must be made for the winter months, as we do not expect to ply our vocation as industriously during the cold weather. It must also not be forgotten that we may not have many such booms as we had at Falls City, Pony Creek and Watfloo, though there should be a number of such.

Will endeavor to work Indiana and West Virginia during the winter. The Brethren there will please brighten up in the grace of liberal giving, that the work of the Lord may prosper speedily. Correspondence is solicited, to assist in making out an economical program.

It requires more time to mature a thought than to write it down.

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Somehow we made a mistake and said that Elder E. S. Miller's address hereafter would be Covington, Ohio. He has located at Dayton, but will preach at Covington and Pleasant Hill in connection with his Dayton appointment. We think this is a good arrangement.

FEET-WASHING.

We publish on the first page of this week's EVANGELIST an article by Rev. John H. Thomas, on Feet-washing. The writer gives some very good thoughts on this subject and it is for these that we publish the article. Many of those who practice feet-washing as a church ordinance have been altogether too much concerned about the outward performance and not enough about the spiritual signification. Just as many are also inclined to abuse the ordinance of baptism by placing greater stress on the sign, than on the thing signified. Feet-washing has a deep spiritual signification, and those who miss this in the practice of the ordinance miss its essential feature.

We do not agree with Mr. Thomas that the feet-washing of Christ was an "acted parable," and more than this, we can see no propriety or evidence for such assertion. Any argument that could be advanced to prove that Feet-washing was a parable, and not an ordinance, would also be available to prove that baptism had only a spiritual signification and was not intended for outward observance. Neither do we believe that the lesson, or the benefits accruing by an observance of the Savior's injunction, "So ought ye also to wash one another's feet", was especially intended for the benefit of the ministry. The Washing of Feet, the Eucharist, and the Supper, were all instituted at the same time and there was nothing said or done that would indicate that the one was intended for the laity and the other for the clergy. It seems to us plain also, that while the necessity for frequent cleansing exists the symbol of that cleansing should also be frequently repeated. The two washings of the tabernacle service, to which the writer alludes as being types of Christ's work, the one being performed by the priests, once, upon entering the duties of the office, and the other often, when engaging in the service of the tabernacle, representing, respectively, baptism and feet-washing, is in corroboration of our faith and practice.

But we have published the article not so much for the purpose of finding fault with it, as for the purpose of commending it, and with the exception noted, we can heartily commend the article to our readers. We can do so the more readily because there is need of more teaching on the spiritual signification of the ordinance than on the ordinance itself. We have known ministers who were well versed in all the arguments that could be offered in favor of feet-washing as an ordinance or a command who seldom attempted to offer any thought upon the design of the ordinance or the benefit to be derived. And we have sometimes even witnessed at times when the ordinance was practiced in the church that the remarks upon the subject were all directed to those who did not believe in feet-washing as an ordinance, apparently, with a view of convincing them that they are greatly delinquent in their religious duties. This we consider is altogether out of place on such an occasion. It diverts the attention of the members from the spiritual design and lesson to be taught and derived from its practice, and also causes the arguments offered in favor of the practice of feet-washing as an ordinance, to be lost in consequence of the untimely and inappropriate manner of their delivery. Let feet-washing as an ordinance be defended upon other occasions, but upon the time of the observance of the ordinance let nothing be done to divert the attention of the participants from the cleansing efficacy of Christ's blood as applied to his children through faith and obedience to his word.

WITH THE BRETHREN CHURCH IN PERRY COUNTY.

Through the influence of Elder Mallott we arranged to preach for the church at the above named place, at their bi-weekly appointments, Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, Nov. 15th and 16th. On account of the peculiar manner of the running of trains on the route we expected to travel and uncertainty of the different connections, we were obliged to start as early as Friday, p.m., which enabled us to stop with our friend and brother A. L. Garber at his home in Bellville, Ohio. Brother Garber is one of the editors of the Bellville Star, a local paper started a few years ago, which by the pluck and business energy of the Garber brothers has been made a financial success, winning its way against the opposition of two less fortunate rivals. Their office and composing room are models in their arrangement for convenience and neatness.

On Saturday morning we proceeded on our way to Thornport, from where we were taken to the home of Benjamin Foster, who entertained us until the time for the evening appointment. Learning from him that there was to be a great political demonstration in Somerset that night and a husking and quilting bee in the neighborhood, we began to have visions of empty pews looming up before us for our evening appointment. But when the time arrived we found a well-filled house of attentive hearers. The subsequent appointments were also well attended, and we felt very favor-

ably impressed with the general appearance of everything connected with the church and congregation. The Brethren in this locality have suffered greatly at the hands of unjust and unreasonable men, who by dishonesty and falsehood deprived them of their just rights in church property, and brought disgrace on the Christian name, as far as such action is capable of doing. The Brethren, however, have maintained their integrity through all their trials and persecution, and are now well established in their new church house, where they can worship in peace. The trials to which they have been subjected but served to bind them more closely together in the bonds of love and union and has inspired them with great zeal in the reformatory work of the Brethren church, since they have fully realized that a reform was sorely needed. A corrupt tree bringeth forth corrupt fruit. A tree is known by its fruit. And the corruption of the annual meeting tree may best be known by the fruit it has been bearing. The Brethren have merited and won the good will and esteem of all intelligent Christians of other denominations in the neighborhood and these have contributed liberally toward the building of their new house of worship.

We were happy in forming the acquaintance of the Helers, the Hoovers, the Deffenbaughs and other good people whose genealogical cognomens are not so distinctively Brethren, but who are among the faithful nevertheless. Brother Samuel Helser who has been afflicted for some time by paralysis, was enabled to attend two of the appointments and enjoyed the exercises in full measure. We spent the last night with brother Hoover, near New Salem, whose daughter, sister Maggie, is a teacher and a patron of the EVANGELIST. We were kindly treated and felt that it was good to be among such generous hearted Christian brethren and sisters. We arrived at Ashland Monday night after nine o'clock, and found Elder Holsinger in the old arm chair by the parlor stove. The editorial chair awaits him in the sanctum, and the readers of the EVANGELIST will hear from us for certain.

E. L. YODER.

AWAKE TO THE WORK.

It is now time and high time for our agents and friends to rise up in their strength and activity, in rolling up a good long list of subscribers for the EVANGELIST for 1885. The political agony is now over, and we hope the interest of the people may be enlisted in a better cause. And we urge it upon all our co-laborers to see to it that a copy of our paper will go into the family of every member of the Brethren church, during the coming year. If any are too poor to pay for it, somebody else should pay for them.

And this work cannot be begun too soon. Solicit their subscriptions now, before they subscribe for any other paper. The religious paper should be the first to be supplied to the family. It is almost as essential to the life of its members as the public service, and fully as necessary to their intelligence and moral development.

We especially request that several hundred of our intelligent and persevering sisters and lay brethren devote a few days each to the service of the Lord in this way. We know of no more promising opportunity to them. By placing our paper into the family they will be sending them a weekly Christian visit for a year, with much wholesome instruction in each, and many earnest admonitions to duty. Think of this, friends, think of this seriously, and let us have a favorable report. Take a copy or two of the paper with you, and with pass book and pencil, and a heart full of interest in the Master's cause, set out upon the work. If you will do this we shall more than double our present list of subscribers.

Take subscribers for the year at \$2.00, where it can be done. If not, take a half-yearly subscription for \$1.00, or three months for 50 cents. But as much as possible can be done send the pay with the names, unless you mean to send us a long list, in which case the money can be sent when names are all in.

Who will be the first to respond with a long list?

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

What authority have we for observing the Sabbath as a day more than any other day of the week?

It strikes us that this very question has been answered before in these columns. We are positive however, that the Sabbath question has been discussed at some length. Still the following remarks can be added to what has already been said:

It is the ordination of God, in relation to man, that a certain portion of his time on earth should receive special religious attention. Christ emphatically says that the Sabbath was made for man, (Mark 2:27). The probability that the seventh day was observed from Adam to Moses to commemorate the glorious work of creation; the fact that it was enjoined in the decalogue and